

**July 22, 2002**

**Challenge to Build** is a capital fund campaign dedicated to joining God in advancing His Kingdom through the ministries and buildings of the First Baptist Church. The campaign is designed to be a spiritual emphasis as well as a fund drive. The campaign has three financial goals:

**Victory Goal:**  
**\$700,000**

**Challenge Goal:**  
**\$1,400,000**

**Hallelujah Goal:**  
**\$2,500,000**

See the master site plan online at:  
[www.baptiststart.com](http://www.baptiststart.com)

## One Big Banquet

Steve Scoggins  
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Opelika  
Keynote Speaker

Sunday, August 11  
Tallassee Elementary  
School Cafeteria  
6:00 pm

Adult tables & chairs  
will be used

Childcare for those  
grades 6 and under  
provided at the church

# Challenge to Build

## *Building for the Future... To the Glory of God*

## Explain How the Pledging Works

### *Questions and Answers Concerning the Commitment Cards*

There are four parts of the building process: (1) Developing the Master Site Plan, (2) Capital Fund Raising, (3) Securing Construction Drawings, and (4) Construction. The capital fund campaign comes before the construction documents so the church will know how much money it will have to work with. Thus, the pledge cards help the church to plan wisely.

**When will I be asked to complete the card?** After the August 11 banquet, visitors will

bring a commitment card and privacy envelope to your home. You are asked to complete the card while they are there and place it in the privacy envelope. You will not be asked to show the visitor the amount you pledge.

**But what about pledging?** People pledge all the time! Anyone who has taken a loan has pledged. Why pledge to the bank, but not God? Nehemiah 9:38-10:39 records a pledge similar to CTB.

**Will anyone else know the amount of my pledge?** No one except the financial secretary and those who help her total the pledges – and those you tell.

**What if circumstances prevent me from fulfilling my pledge?** First, the Lord knows how much you can afford and will lead you rightly. However, the commitment card says: *"This statement of intention may be revised or cancelled should circumstances make it necessary."*

## But I Voted Against Relocation

### *Four Good Reasons to get involved with Challenge to Build*

Not everyone voted for relocation. And that's OK. Every Baptist gets his say, even if not every Baptist gets his way.

However, you may be facing the question of what you should do now. Here are some reasons to get involved with *Challenge to Build*:

First, the church has spoken. And you are part of the family. Families stick together. You don't want to sever yourself from the rest of the body.

Second, you do want your church to have adequate quality space, even if you disagree about its location.

Third, you want this to be done right. Doing our very best as a church will take all of us together.

Finally, picture yourself when we are in the new building, you will want to have been a part.

**“This is fantastic!”** — Gary Swafford, writing about our Master Site Plan. Swafford is with the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and, each year, heads up the training conference for church building committees.

### FROM SOME OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS...

"Kay and I wanted to join First Baptist Church for the purpose of being part of a growing church that is dedicated to helping our community become closer to God, and also we wanted to help in the efforts of building the new church, which will benefit present and future members of the church and the community." — Terry and Kay Davis

### What would it take?

What would it take each week to reach each of our three goals? Here's what the three-year goals look like averaged out on a weekly basis:

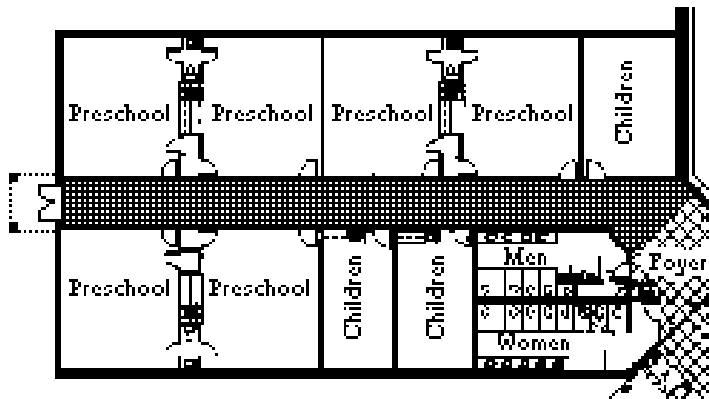
To reach our **VICTORY GOAL**: \$4,487 each week

To reach our **CHALLENGE GOAL**: \$8,974 weekly

To reach the **HALLELUJAH GOAL**: \$16,026 weekly

How much of this should you be giving? Of course it is perfectly acceptable to give on a monthly basis, or with a large kick-off offering, according to your needs. Just remember, that over 156 weeks your gifts can add up.

The **east wing** of the new building will provide quality space for children — 35 square feet per preschooler and 25 per child, grades 1-6. Every two preschool rooms share child-size restroom facilities. Also shown are the adult restrooms, conveniently located beside the foyer.



### The Bible Says...

“They... have overflowed in rich generosity... for their first action was to dedicate themselves to the Lord...”

— 2nd Corinthians 8:1, 5 (New Living Translation)

“Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High.”

— Psalm 50:14 (New International Version)

“Make vows to the LORD your God and fulfill them; Let all who are around Him bring gifts to Him who is to be feared.”

— Psalm 76:11 (New American Standard)

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